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OPELOUSAS CITY MARSHAL
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

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COMPILATION REPORT

Opelousas City Marshal
Opelousas, Louisiana

We have compiled the accompanying financial statements of the Opelousas City Marshal, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2005, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management of the Opelousas City Marshal. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them. However, we did become aware of a departure from generally accepted accounting principles that is described in the following paragraph.

As explained in Note (1) B to the financial statements, management has elected not to implement the new financial reporting requirements of GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments.

John S. Dowling & Company

Opelousas, Louisiana
May 17, 2006

OPELOUSAS CITY MARSHAL
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
DECEMBER 31, 2005

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE GENERAL	ACCOUNT GROUP GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	TOTALS (Memorandum Only)	
			2005	2004
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash	\$45,345		\$45,345	\$7,025
Certificates of deposit	52,953		52,953	52,069
Receivables	10,295		10,295	8,991
Fixed assets		\$58,521	58,521	53,019
<u>Total assets</u>	<u>108,593</u>	<u>58,521</u>	<u>167,114</u>	<u>121,104</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>				
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Accounts payable	\$1,503		\$1,503	\$1,353
Payroll taxes payable	2,407		2,407	2,706
Garnishment	3,865		3,865	2,961
<u>Total liabilities</u>	<u>7,775</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>7,775</u>	<u>7,020</u>
<u>FUND EQUITY</u>				
Investment in general fixed assets		\$58,521	58,521	53,019
Fund balance - unreserved	100,818		100,818	61,065
<u>Total fund equity</u>	<u>100,818</u>	<u>58,521</u>	<u>159,339</u>	<u>114,084</u>
<u>Total liabilities and fund equity</u>	<u>108,593</u>	<u>58,521</u>	<u>167,114</u>	<u>121,104</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	2005	(Memorandum Only) 2004
<u>REVENUES</u>		
Fines and forfeitures		
Fines	\$138,461	\$122,032
Bond forfeiture	3,941	3,888
Subpoenas	6,926	6,917
Bonds collected	4,889	4,180
Garnishment revenue	11,014	6,000
Civil fees	155	181
Intergovernmental		
Salary reimbursements	10,660	11,160
Juvenile mileage	173	124
City of Opelousas	12,634	12,634
Interest income	1,175	228
Other		
Miscellaneous		452
Accident claim	3,457	
Refunds		568
<u>Total revenues</u>	<u>193,485</u>	<u>168,364</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
Current operating		
Salaries	102,639	123,585
Payroll taxes	8,550	9,575
Repairs and maintenance	5,106	3,342
Gasoline		64
Insurance	10,238	26,948
Office supplies	3,409	1,318
Advertising	40	100
Recording and filing fees	165	145
Uniforms	3,555	618
Dues and conventions	85	215
Bank charges	70	159
Meals		597
Equipment maintenance		414
Police supplies	353	491
Legal fees	862	
Accounting	2,100	1,740
Travel and meetings	715	701
Automobile lease	5,156	5,651
Computer costs		331
Telephone	3,260	7,560
Miscellaneous	366	343
Interest	113	
Utilities	98	
Capital outlay	8,052	17,340
<u>Total expenditures</u>	<u>154,932</u>	<u>201,237</u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES - GENERAL FUND - (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	<u>2005</u>	(Memorandum Only) <u>2004</u>
<u>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>\$38,553</u>	<u>\$ (32,873)</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>		
Sale of autos	<u>1,200</u>	
<u>Total other financing sources</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<u>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>39,753</u>	<u>(32,873)</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE</u> , beginning of year	<u>61,065</u>	<u>93,938</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE</u> , end of year	<u>100,818</u>	<u>61,065</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

OPELOUSAS CITY MARSHAL
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Fines and forfeitures			
Fines	\$110,000	\$138,461	\$28,461
Bond forfeiture	3,500	3,941	441
Subpoenas	6,000	6,926	926
Bonds collected	4,000	4,889	889
Garnishment revenue	10,000	11,014	1,014
Civil fees	100	155	55
Intergovernmental			
Salary reimbursements	11,000	10,660	(340)
Juvenile and citation mileage	200	173	(27)
City of Opelousas	12,634	12,634	
Interest income	1,000	1,175	175
Other			
Miscellaneous	3,000	3,457	457
<u>Total revenues</u>	<u>161,434</u>	<u>193,485</u>	<u>32,051</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Current operating			
Salaries	105,000	102,639	2,361
Payroll taxes	7,500	8,550	(1,050)
Auto gasoline, repairs and maintenance	1,500	5,106	(3,606)
Insurance	17,000	10,238	6,762
Office supplies	1,200	3,409	(2,209)
Advertising	100	40	60
Recording and filing fees		165	(165)
Uniforms	3,500	3,555	(55)
Dues and conventions	300	85	215
Bank charges		70	(70)
Meals	150		150
Equipment maintenance	500		500
Police supplies	500	353	147
Legal fees	500	862	(362)
Accounting	2,500	2,100	400
Computer costs	3,500		3,500
Automobile lease	5,000	5,156	(156)
Travel and meetings	1,000	715	285
Telephone	4,000	3,260	740
Miscellaneous	3,500	366	3,134
Interest		113	(113)
Utilities		98	(98)
Capital outlay	9,000	8,052	948
<u>Total expenditures</u>	<u>166,250</u>	<u>154,932</u>	<u>11,318</u>
<u>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)</u>			
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	(4,816)	38,553	43,369

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Sale of autos	\$1,200	\$1,200	
<u>Total other financing sources</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<u>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER</u>			
<u>FINANCING SOURCES OVER</u>			
<u>(UNDER) EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>(3,616)</u>	39,753	<u>\$43,369</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE</u> , beginning of year		<u>61,065</u>	
<u>FUND BALANCE</u> , end of year		<u>100,818</u>	

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

OPELOUSAS CITY MARSHAL
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005

NOTE (1) - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies and practices.

A. The Reporting Entity

As the governing authority for the City of Opelousas, for reporting purposes, the City of Opelousas, Louisiana is the financial reporting entity. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature or significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the primary government for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. The ability of the primary government to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government.
2. Organizations for which the primary government does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the primary government.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Based on the criteria described above, the Opelousas City Marshal is a primary government due to the following:

1. The Marshal is an independently elected official.
2. The Marshal is fiscally independent of the City of Opelousas.
3. The Marshal is legally separate from the City of Opelousas.

The accompanying basic financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the City Marshal and do not present information on the City of Opelousas, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

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NOTE (1) - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements of the Opelousas City Marshal have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standards-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Management has elected not to implement the new financial reporting requirements of GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standards-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

C. Fund Accounting

The City Marshal uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. On the other hand, an account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources. The following fund types and account groups are used by the City Marshal:

General Fund. The General Fund is used to account for resources traditionally associated with government which are not required legally to be accounted for in another fund.

General Fixed Assets Account Group. This account group is established to account for all fixed assets of the City Marshal.

D. Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases and decreases in net current assets.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The governmental fund is maintained on a modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The following practices are used in recording revenues and expenditures:

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NOTE (1) - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Revenues

Fines and reimbursements are recorded when they become susceptible to accrual. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded when received.

Expenditures

Expenditures are recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.

Expenditures for insurance and similar services, which extend over more than one accounting period, are accounted for as expenditures in the period of acquisition.

Purchases of operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time purchased and inventories of such supplies (if any) are not recorded as assets at the close of year-end unless significant.

The City Marshal does not employ the encumbrance system of accounting.

E. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations that have an estimated useful life greater than one year (General Fixed Assets) are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group, rather than in the governmental funds. These assets are maintained on the basis of original cost and no depreciation is computed or recorded thereon. The Marshal does not have public domain or infrastructure outlays. The City Marshal does not capitalize interest costs incurred on fixed assets.

The account group is not a "fund." It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position, not with the measurement of results of operations.

F. Budget

The City Marshal adopts a budget at the beginning of each year on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). If necessary, the budget is amended.

G. Investments and Cash

Louisiana statutes authorize the City Marshal to invest in United States bonds, treasury notes or certificates, time certificates of deposit in state and national banks, or any other federally insured investment.

H. Annual Sick Leave

All annual leave accumulated in 2005 was converted to sick leave on December 31, 2005. Sick leave is paid upon retirement or death, up to a maximum of 240 hours at a rate computed by taking the current monthly salary provided by the Opelousas City Marshal, and dividing that amount by 160 hours. Accrued compensated absences are not material at December 31, 2005 and thus are not recorded in these financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE (1) - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

I. Accounts Receivable

The accounts receivable account represents fines receivable, salary reimbursement, juvenile mileage, and subpoenas.

The fines receivable amount represents fines collected by the Opelousas City Court for the prior year but not remitted to the City Marshal until the current year.

The salary reimbursement receivable represents the amount the City Marshal is reimbursed each month for salaries. The reimbursement is usually received during the month the expense is incurred.

The juvenile mileage receivables are reimbursements by the Opelousas City Court for costs incurred by the City Marshal's employees. Each month a mileage recap is sent to Opelousas City Court for the reimbursement which is made in the following month.

The subpoena receivable represents the amount collected by the Opelousas City Court for the prior year but not remitted to the City Marshal until the current year.

The restitution receivable represents reimbursements by an individual for costs incurred by the City Marshal's office for transfer of a suspect.

The bond forfeiture receivable represents amounts collected by the Opelousas City Court, mainly from bonding agencies, when defendants fail to appear in court.

J. Total Columns on Combined Statements

Total columns on the combined statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTE (2) - CASH AND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

Cash consists of 3 demand deposit accounts. At year-end, the carrying amount of the City Marshal's cash accounts was \$45,345. The bank balance of cash was \$56,797. The cash was covered by federal depository insurance.

The carrying amount and the bank balance of certificates of deposit at year-end was \$52,953. The bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance.

NOTE (3) - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Receivables at December 31, 2005 consist of the following:

Fines	\$9,815
Subpoenas	<u>480</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>10,295</u>

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NOTE (4) - CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets is as follows:

	Balance <u>1/1/05</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	Balance <u>12/31/05</u>
Automobiles	\$36,050		\$2,550	\$33,500
Equipment	<u>16,969</u>	<u>\$8,052</u>	<u> </u>	<u>25,021</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>53,019</u>	<u>8,052</u>	<u>2,550</u>	<u>58,521</u>

The land and building in which the Opelousas City Marshal operates, are provided by and currently owned by the City of Opelousas, Louisiana.

NOTE (5) - LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Opelousas City Marshal entered into an operating lease for a 2003 Buick LeSabre during the prior year. The lease is for a term of 36 months with monthly payments of \$468.77. The lease has a purchase option available for \$12,998 at the end of the term. Rental expenditures incurred for the year 2005 were \$5,156.

OPELOUSAS CITY MARSHAL
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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

SECTION I - COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

No findings.